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*Via E-Mail*

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Re: **Use of State of California Grant Funds for Field Improvement at Muir High School.**

Dear Rosa,

WPRA supports the proposed multi-use sports field improvement project for the Muir High School campus as part of the Fiscal 2014 Capital Improvement Program.

We believe that Muir High School should be the preferred location for the \$1M State of California grant funds currently associated with the Sycamore Grove Field project [also known as Multi Benefit Multi Use Project (MBMU)] at Hahamongna Watershed Park. This project would improve the existing south field to include a full-size soccer field, reconfigured softball field, turf renovation, irrigation system upgrades, sports field lighting and various on-site furnishings. The fields would be available for public use during non-school hours.

Hahamongna Watershed Park should be permanently removed from consideration for this project. If built in that location, the proposed soccer field would consume 27 acres of natural habitat, alter the elevation by 12 to 25 feet, and significantly deteriorate Hahamongna by adding pollution, noise, and lighting (which is not allowed in the Park). A new soccer field in Hahamongna would destroy the habitat of at least 50 species of birds as well as countless wild creatures that live there.

The grant money that the City has identified to build this soccer field requires that underprivileged children be served by the project and the project be easily accessible to them. Hahamongna is remote, accessible only by motor vehicles, and not close to the underprivileged children that are to be served by this grant.

Muir High School is the right choice for the City of Pasadena to collaborate with the Pasadena Unified School District to use these \$1M State of California grant funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Urban".

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William Urban  
WPRA President

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